

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 12, 13 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 22 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1, 6-9, 20-28 remain pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9, 12, 13 and 20-28 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Want et al US Patent 6008727 in view of Armstrong US Patent 5461385.

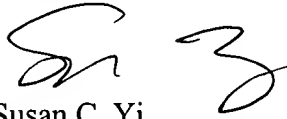
The rejection is respectfully traversed. Neither Want nor Armstrong, either alone or in combination, appear to teach or suggest “one or more integrated circuits responsive to an external stimulus received at said interface to change the state of said transponder between a first active state in which the transponder provides a first active response when polled by a polling device and a second active state in which the transponder provides a second active response when polled by said polling device, wherein the external stimulus includes detecting a motion” as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 22. As such, claims 1 and 22 are believed to be allowable.

Claims 6-9, 20-21 depend from claim 1, and claims 23-28 depend from claim 22, all of which and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment with additions underlined and deletions bracketed. The attached page is captioned “Version with markings to show changes made.”

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

CLAIMS

1. An interactive radio frequency tag apparatus, comprising:

a passive radio frequency transponder, including,

an antenna,

an interface for receiving an external stimulus, and

one or more integrated circuits responsive to an external stimulus received at said interface to change the state of said transponder between a first active state in which the transponder provides a first active response when polled by a polling device and a second active state in which the transponder provides a second active response when polled by said polling device, wherein the external stimulus includes detecting a motion.
22. A method of changing the response provided by a polled radio frequency tag, comprising:

providing an interactive radio frequency tag apparatus, having,

a passive radio frequency transponder, including,

an antenna,

an interface for receiving an external stimulus, and

one or more integrated circuits responsive to an external stimulus received at said interface to change the state of said transponder between a first active state in which the transponder provides a first active response when polled by a polling device and a second active state in which the transponder provides a second active response when polled by said polling device, wherein the external stimulus includes detecting a motion; and

applying [an] the external stimulus to said interface to change the state of said transponder.